

HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

Adult Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco Use:

Based on current state prevalence 5% of all deaths being related to alcohol at least 10 of the county's 189 average deaths in 1993-95 were attributed to alcohol use.

According to the Tennessee Adult A&D data based on admissions to treatment programs, adults aged 25-44 reported alcohol as drug of first choice, second choice is cocaine and third is marijuana. Males are reported to out number females 3-1 in use of alcohol, marijuana and inhalants. African Americans are reported to outnumber all other races in cocaine use (46%).

Crockett County DUI convictions (unknown ages) as of March 5, 1997 are as follows:

1993 -	76
1994 -	102
1995 -	99
1996 -	59

Child Abuse and Neglect:

In 1995, nearly 100 children were reported abused or neglected each day in Tennessee. 85.1% of the perpetrators of the abused were parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings, other relatives or adoptive parents. There were 35,278 alleged cases in Tennessee in 1995, of those 12,007 (34%) were verified.

In 1992-1993 there were 45 verified cases of abuse or neglect to children 18 years of age and under in Crockett County. The rate was 14.1 per 1,000. In 1993-1994 there were 47 verified cases of abuse or neglect of children 18 years of age and younger in Crockett County. The rate was 15.0 per 1,000.

There was insufficient data available at the time of the assessment to establish a trend in the county's child abuse problem. However the council felt this problem deserved attention in order to reduce the incidents of child abuse/neglect in Crockett Co.

Teen Pregnancy:

Final U. S. data for 1994 indicates a continuing decline in the rate of teenage pregnancies. From a high of 62.1 per 1,000 females ages 15-19 in 1991 the rate has declined to 56.9 in 1995. Although the rate has declined, the actual number of pregnancies increased, due to an increase in the number of U.S. teenaged population during the same period.

The number of Crockett County Teen Pregnancies with Rates per 1,000 females aged 10-17 are:

Race	1996		1995		1994		1993	
	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
All	24	33.0	10	14.8	11	16.1	11	15.8
White	14	24.2	7	13.1	7	13.1	8	14.8
Non - white	9	62.1	3	21.4	4	27.4	3	19.6

Reducing adolescent births will in the long term, reduce Crockett County's Adolescent Pregnancy Rate; increase personal productivity in the county; decrease welfare roles; decrease the number of low birth weight babies; improve the county's prenatal care rates; and decrease crime and/or incarceration.